



Pro-Am Qualifier Series 2009

The Pro-Am Qualifier Series is a series of Brass and Nickel qualifying tournaments to select 32 Windy City Darters members to play in the **Windy City Pro-Am 2009** event, which will be held at the Windy City Open. The Windy City Pro-Am 2009 will consist of sixteen (16) teams, each with one Brass player, one Nickel player and one Professional player. By qualifying in this series, a spot is earned on one of the 16 teams.

The invitation to participate in the Pro-Am Qualifier Series 2009 is extended to Windy City Darters members who were active, in good standing, and playing on a team during the Fall 2008, Winter 2009 or Summer 2009 seasons. Expired annual memberships must be renewed in full to be eligible to play in the Pro-Am Qualifier Series 2009.

Payment of annual membership fees will be accepted at the qualifiers.

The winner of each qualifier will receive a spot on a Pro-Am team, a personalized Pro-Am tournament shirt, and an invitation to the Pro-Am reception at the Windy City Open.

Individual rating numbers (IRN) as of the Summer 2009 season will apply to all participants in the Pro-Am Qualifier Series 2009. The Pro-Am Qualifier Series 2009 is divided into two (2) classifications:

Brass (IRN 4A, 4B, 4C and 5B)

Nickel (IRN 3A, 3B, 3C and 5N)

Please verify your rating before you attend a qualifier for the first time. If you play in a qualifier higher than your rating, you will be locked into the higher classification for the entire Pro-Am Qualifier Series 2009.

QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- Participants will play best 2 of 3 legs, 501, open in - double out.
- All Brass and Nickel qualifiers will be single elimination, unless there are fewer than 8 participants, in which case a double elimination tournament will be played.
- **Each Qualifier must have a minimum of 4 eligible participants or the Qualifier will be rescheduled.**
- There will be separate Men's and Women's brackets for the 1st Brass qualifier on Saturday, May 9, 2009. One from EACH Brass bracket will qualify on May 9th.
- Each following Brass qualifier will be only one bracket for all men and women participants.
- There will not be any separate men's and women's brackets for the Nickel qualifiers.

Winners at each qualifier will draw by lot to determine their team for the Pro-Am Tournament.

NEW THIS YEAR – GUARANTEED MYSTERY OUT!!!

\$2.00 of each registration fee will go into the pot. At the conclusion of each qualifier we will draw a random outshot from among those reported that evening. The winner will receive all of the money collected for that evening's mystery out. WINNER MUST BE PRESENT. If a winner is not present, we will re-draw until a winner still in attendance is selected.

PRO-AM TEAM SELECTION:

A total of 32 players will be selected for the Pro-Am Tournament (sixteen from each classification).

Winners: The winners from each qualifier receive a spot on a team. This includes 15 Brass and 15 Nickel players.

High Points: One Brass player and one Nickel player will be selected based on the following point system:

- Players will receive one point for each qualifier they attend and one additional point for each round they win. First round byes do not constitute a win.
- The player with the highest point total in Brass and Nickel classifications at the end of the Series will receive a spot in the Pro-Am Tournament.

Alternate selection:

- The player accumulating the second highest point total will be designated as the alternate in the Brass and Nickel classifications. Alternates will also receive a Pro-Am shirt and will be invited to attend the Pro-Am reception.
- In case of a tie, a drawing will determine the spot in question.

REGISTRATION:

Registration Fee:

A registration fee of **\$14.00** is required at the start of each qualifier.

Pre-Registration:

Active members may pre-register for any Pro-Am qualifier. Please call the Windy City Darters Office at (773) 583-4365, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for pre-registration information.

HOTEL DRAWING:

There will be a random drawing for ONE Hotel room night at the LAST qualifier in EACH classification. The random draw will be from ALL entry cards in EACH classification.

PRO-AM RECEPTION AND TOURNAMENT:

The Pro-Am Tournament will be held on Friday, October 2, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore. All participants must check-in by 5:30 pm to receive their tournament shirt. The reception will begin shortly after, where all participants will receive appetizers and drinks and have the opportunity to meet their teammates. The Windy City Pro-Am 2009 Tournament begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Payouts will be determined based on participation throughout the Pro-Am Qualifier Series.

The WCD Board of Directors reserves the right to restrict participation to ensure fair competition among participants. The Board Authorized Official at each Qualifier will make the final determination of any question of eligibility.